

Sec. 14. The Legislature may at any time modify or amend this act. Legislature may amend.

Sec. 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its Take effect. passage.

CHARLES GARDNER,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—March first, one thousand eight hundred and six.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

*Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.*

## CHAPTER CXXXI.

*An Act to incorporate the St. Cloud University of Minnesota.*

- SECTION 1. Names of corporators; created body corporate; powers.
2. Number of Trustees.
  3. No religious test to be required.
  4. Place of location.
  5. First meeting, where and when to be held; elect officers.
  6. Treasurer to give bond.
  7. Suits, how commenced.
  8. Power to appoint officers and fill vacancies.
  9. Powers of Trustees.
  10. Meetings, how called; quorum.
  11. Establish preparatory department: raise funds.
  12. First meeting, by whom called, and how.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That there be established at St. Cloud, in the county of Stearns, an Institution by the name of the St. Cloud University of Minnesota, and that George F. Brott, Henry T. Welles, Orrin Curtis, J. C. Moulton, Lyman Whitney, Charles T. Stearns, Newton N. Smith, Lewis Stone, S. B. Lowry, John L. Wilson, R. M. Richardson, B. B. Meeker, David T. Wood, Franklin Sisson, J. P. Wilson, and David Gilman, their associates and successors in office, be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate to be styled the Trustees of the St. Cloud University of Minnesota, and shall be Trustees of said corporation for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and conducting an institution of learning for the education of youth of both sexes; and by the aforesaid corporate name to remain in perpetual succession, with full power to sue and to be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to acquire, hold and convey property, real, personal and mixed, in all lawful ways; to have and to use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure; to make and alter from time to time such by-laws as they may deem proper and necessary for the government of said Institution, its officers and agents; Provided, such by-laws be not inconsistent with this act, the constitution of the United States or of this Territory; and also have power to confer on such person or persons as

they may deem worthy, all honors and degrees as are usually conferred by the most learned Institutions of the United States.

**Trustees.** SEC. 2. There shall at all times be twelve Trustees of said corporation, together with a Board of Visitors to be appointed annually by said Trustees.

**No religious test.** SEC. 3. No religious test shall be required of any person to entitle him or her to all the benefits of said Institution; and no student shall be required to attend the religious worship of any particular denomination, except as specified by the student, his parents or guardian.

**Location.** SEC. 4. The said University shall be located at St. Cloud, and shall afford complete facilities to perfect the scholar, not only in the Arts and Sciences, but in the professions of Law, Medicine and Divinity; Provided, that at no time the Trustees shall be required to exceed the means under their control as Trustees.

**First meeting.** SEC. 5. The Board of Trustees shall hold their first meeting at St. Cloud within six months from the passage of this act; Provided, that if a quorum shall fail of meeting, the members present shall have the right to organize and adjourn to such time and place as they may deem proper to secure a quorum of the Board, who shall elect a President of the Board, two Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary, and such officers when elected shall constitute an Executive Committee, and such Committee shall have power to execute all business of the Corporation committed to them by the by-laws of the Institution.

**Give bonds.** SEC. 6. The Treasurer, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bond in such penal sum and with such security as the Trustees shall by vote direct and approve, conditioned in the faithful performance of his duties, and the delivery to his successor at the expiration of his office, all funds and other property, books and papers in his possession belonging to said University, and all other officers and agents before entering upon their duties shall give bonds if required by the Board of Trustees.

**Suits, how commenced.** SEC. 7. All suits against said corporation shall be by summons, which shall be served by leaving an attested copy of the same with the President or Treasurer, at their office, at least twenty days before the return thereof.

**Appoint officers.** SEC. 8. The Trustees shall have authority to appoint and employ all officers, teachers and agents of the Institution, and shall have power to displace any or all of them, as the interests of the Institution may require, to fill vacancies which may happen by death, resignation or otherwise, among said officers, teachers and agents, or in their own Board. All elections of Trustees, President of the University, Professors, Officers and Agents, shall be by ballot, and at some annual meeting of the Trustees, the time and place of which annual meeting shall be designated at the first meeting of said Trustees, and shall in no case be altered except by a two-thirds vote of the Trustees present, at any regular meeting.

**Powers of trustees.** SEC. 9. The Trustees shall have power to prescribe and regulate the course of studies to be pursued in said institution, to fix the rate of tuition and other expenses, to make rules for the regulation of the conduct of the students and for the expulsion of such as are disorderly; they shall faithfully apply all funds by them collected or received, according to their best judgment, in erecting suitable buildings, supporting the necessary officers, instructors and agents, in procuring books and apparatus necessary to the success of the institution: Provided, however, that in case any donation or bequest be made for any purpose which accords with the design of the institution, the Trustees shall receive and accept the same and shall apply such donation or bequest in conformity with the condition or designs of

the donor; and all corporate property whether real, personal or mixed shall be free from taxation.

SEC. 10. The Board of Trustees may meet on their own adjournment, any seven of whom shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business, and the President, with the concurrence of two Trustees, or any four Trustees, may call special meetings of the Board, by giving notice to the members thereof in writing, or otherwise, at least thirty days before the time of such meeting, and any Trustee may be removed for a neglect of duty, for more than one year. Meetings.

SEC. 11. The Trustees of the University shall have power to establish a preparatory department, to raise, collect and receive funds, to erect buildings, appoint a Principal, Professors, and do all necessary acts for the establishing, maintaining and conducting of the preparatory department, and all appointments and officers of said department to be governed by this charter. This act to be construed liberally by all the courts for the purposes herein expressed. Preparatory department.

SEC. 12. Any three of the incorporators named in this act may call the first meeting of the Trustees, by giving two weeks notice thereof in one or more newspapers published in this Territory. First meeting.

CHAS. GARDNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
JOHN B. BRISBIN,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—February twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,  
*Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*

## CHAPTER CXXXII.

*An Act entitled an Act to Incorporate the Chatfield Academy at Chatfield.*

- SECTION 1. Corporators; names; created body corporate.
2. Objects of institution.
  3. Donations, how appropriated.
  4. Trustees to expend funds, and how.
  5. Trustees to designate time of first meeting; classification; term of office.
  6. Powers of trustees.
  7. Meetings, how called, and by whom.
  8. Officers, of what to consist.
  9. Duty of President.
  10. Duty of Secretary.
  11. Duty of Treasurer.
  12. Treasurer to give bonds.
  13. Corporators to constitute full board of trustees.
  14. Legislature may alter or amend.
  15. When to take effect.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. That there be established at Chatfield, in the county of Fillmore, in this Territory, a Literary Institution by the name of Chat-Names of corporators.

S. L.—26.